

HE HAS DECLINED

Mort Albaugh Does Not Want
Any Office.

EITHER STATE OR FEDERAL

No Appointments Probable
Before New Years.

By far the most important matter arising since the election is the declaration of Mr. Morton Albaugh of Kansas made yesterday afternoon to a reporter for the Eagle.

Mr. Albaugh says that he is not an applicant for anything under Governor W. E. Stanley.

This is totally without precedent in Kansas politics. No campaign in the history of the state was ever managed with the close, unflinching, sleepless circumspection which Mr. Albaugh gave to the last contest.

When it was over, and the surprising effects of his masterful organization became apparent, Mr. Albaugh was publicly praised by his constituents, and the man at the head of the ticket, in proof of his appreciation of the magnificent management, said that Mr. Albaugh could have anything within his gift.

It was an unusual thing for an elective officer to say. But so true were the grounds, so palpable the justice of the declaration, that no man, within the borders of the state, criticized or controverted.

It was generally conceded that Mr. Albaugh should have anything he asked.

And now Mr. Albaugh asks nothing.

With all before him, he selects nothing at all.

In that light this morning he presents a peculiarly powerful figure in Kansas politics. Deserving so much, his declaration will, according to the political prophets who had heard of it last night, force him to a consummation far more worthy than his efforts. Already last night the men who recognize what he did were seeing him a future governor, or a United States senator. Out of his statement will grow many idle rumors, probably among them that he has broken with Stanley. Mr. Albaugh foresees this and scowled it. There is no man higher in Mr. Stanley's esteem than Mort Albaugh.

Tomorrow, the next day, or any time, he will repeat what he has said before—that anything within his gift is Mr. Albaugh's. On the other hand, all Mr. Albaugh's time, his means, his friendship and aid are as much at Mr. Stanley's disposal and request as they have been in the past.

The interview is as follows. Mr. Albaugh says: "I have at no time suggested that I desired any position under the incoming administration. As long as my name was connected with Governor Stanley's private secretaryship, a place for which no one could apply, it was an alliance between him and myself only, and no injustice was done anyone; but since my name has been connected with the clerkship of the federal court, and a place on the railroad board, where the aspirations of my friends are embarrassed, it is fair that they and I should generally acknowledge that I will not be Governor Stanley's private secretary; that I will not ask for nor accept the clerkship of the federal court, and that my name will not even be considered in the selection of the railroad commission. Since November 8, in connection with Hon. Frank L. Brown, I have devoted my time to straightening up the affairs of the state committee, trying to remove acquaintance with my family, and looking after business matters. An overburdened correspondence has prevented me from accomplishing much in the latter lines. Now I expect to return to Kansas and give my attention to business affairs and newspaper work."

Mr. Albaugh was asked if this decision was the result of any difference or misunderstanding between himself and Governor Stanley. He replied:

"Most emphatically no. My relations with Mr. Stanley are as close and cordial today as they ever were. I appreciate most thoroughly his kindness in offering me any position in his gift. In fact, that I take the best that he had, and it will be my greatest pleasure to see his administration made strong, and equal the expectations the people have for it."

"As a private citizen I hope to be able to contribute more to the success of Mr. Stanley's administration, and the strengthening of the party throughout the state, than I could in any other capacity."

A few of those to whom it was read said it was an example of self-denial that it was a mistake, that Albaugh was getting out of the road of friends less deserving than he. But other men, reasoning differently, said that Albaugh had done a thing which would secure to his benefit beyond the measure of his dreams. The opinion seemed to be that while the thing was novel, and would prove one of the most notable events of Kansas politics, that Mr. Albaugh was stronger by it, and on the score of friendship between the governor-elect and him, that that friendship had been cemented in the present struggle, much stronger than either friend thought it could ever be.

Through Mr. Albaugh's statement, the federal clerkship matter becomes a canon, and also the supposed railroad commission. The extra secretaryship matter is void. What position will be made no longer has yet been decided.

There were very few smiles at the governor's office yesterday. Those who did venture a trip away from home expecting to succeed in some way to get a chance to see him were obliged to go away disappointed, as Governor Stanley did not put in an appearance for a few moments on his way to take a train for Topeka, where he went yesterday afternoon, and is not expected home until some time tomorrow. His mail was being opened by a clerk and separated into different batches for the convenience of his family. By the governor's train, he came from home carrying to the depot. One delegation from Cherokee county was all that put in an appearance except the one from Wellington, who represented the Commercial club of that city. Mort Albaugh was at the office of the governor-elect several times during the day, and left last night for his home in Kansas for a visit with his family for a few days.

It was learned yesterday that one of the applications found in the governor's mail was written in German, and as the governor is not a German scholar the assistance of an interpreter will have to be called.

It is expected that the people in the city will realize the importance of having a governor elected from here who has seen fit to remain in Wichita and receive the politicians from over the state, as with the exception of one or two days the city has been filled up with a large number

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of people who have some political mission to fulfill and came here to transact it.

NEW INSANE ASYLUM QUESTION.

Yesterday a committee appointed by the Commercial club of Wellington arrived in the city to confer with Mr. Stanley in regard to the advocacy of an additional insane asylum in his message. The committee consisted of Mr. Andy Richards, Mr. Hackney and Mr. Lyman Naugle was also included in the committee, but was called away on other business at the last moment.

Messrs. Richards and Hackney set forth in their statement that about 188 all the state board of charities had recommended the establishment of another insane asylum in Kansas. It is one of the best rules of charitable institutions, proved by long experience to be correct, that not more than 1,200 insane patients should be congregated in one establishment. Kansas has two insane asylums, one at Oswego and the other at Topeka. Both these institutions now have the maximum of 1,200 patients. Governor Leasty, as well as the successive boards of charities, have recommended the establishment of a new asylum. In some instances, the bills of \$20,000 from individual counties for the care of the insane.

In the last legislature the question came up and was fully discussed when Mr. Hackney was chairman of the house judiciary committee. The bill was only defeated at that time by the fact that the Topeka insane asylum was asked for an appropriation of \$20,000 for an addition. The new asylum plan finally gave way to the Topeka request with the express understanding that after it received the appropriation it would consider itself complete and not contest a new asylum.

It is of interest to know that should the legislature establish a new asylum it will be through a primary small appropriation and the new institution will not be complete for a period of ten years.

Wellington is the only candidate mentioned so far and is lining up in great shape. Two years ago it had the location chosen.

The representatives who are interested in behalf of Sumner county for another institution in the asylum matter have presented the data to Governor Stanley for his review and have made a strong plea in the matter, trusting that he may see fit to make such recommendation in his message as will help to bring it before the representatives in the legislative session this winter.

It is understood now that both of the asylums are completed at Oswego and Topeka and that there is nothing to prevent the consideration of a new one being built to relieve the expenditures of another county.

DOUGLAS PLACE SOLD

Bought Yesterday by Attorney R. L. Holmes.

The old home of George L. Douglas has been bought by Attorney R. L. Holmes. The deal was completed yesterday, through the Hartford Investment company. Mr. Holmes is paying \$1,500. Mr. Holmes has had his eye on the place for some time.

ICE GOOD FOR SKATING

Snow Is Cleared from Oak Street to Griswold.

Two or three young fellows who are fond of skating have hired some boys to clear away the snow on the Little river, and the skating is first-class now from Oak street to Griswold park. Clarence Johnson, who is swift on steel, says the ice is the best now of the season. A large crowd will be out today.

ARCHIE McVICAR BETTER

His Condition Is Improved from That of Day Before.

It was reported last night that the condition of Archie McVicar was a little improved from the day before. Dr. Fordyce says that the patient's pulse was stronger and his temperature better. He also stated that he now believed that Mr. McVicar would fully recover.

The holiday number of the Church News is out. Any one desiring extra copies can procure them at the Goldenrod book store.

O. L. Drake of Peck was doing business in the city yesterday and circulating among his friends.

FOR NATIONAL BANK

Is Decided by Directors of Bank of Commerce.

CAPITAL TO BE INCREASED

Directory to be Made Up of Strong Financial Men.

At a special meeting of shareholders of the Bank of Commerce, held at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, it was decided by unanimous vote (all of the shareholders being represented) to nationalize the bank, under title of the National Bank of Commerce, with a fully paid-in capital of \$200,000, the change to take place as soon as authority and organization papers can be procured from the comptroller of the currency.

Mr. Jones, when asked by a reporter of the Eagle today why the shareholders of the Bank of Commerce regarded this change necessary, in view of the phenomenal success with which the bank had met as a state organization, said:

"The Bank of Commerce was organized on June 15, 1896, with an authorized capital of \$25,000, but with only \$15,000 of it paid in. The bank was then admitted by its promoters to be an experiment. Wichita had but a short time previous to that experienced four disastrous bank failures, and the liquidation of two others with large capital. The total deposits of all the banks in the city amounted at that time to only a little more than \$400,000. Business men and capitalists, in view of recent experiences here, were timid and skeptical in regard to banks and could not be induced to invest their money in banking enterprises. The gentlemen who organized the Bank of Commerce, however, were hopeful, and with the fullest confidence in Wichita and its future prospects as a business and jobbing center, went along fearlessly, with the fullest confidence in the success of their venture."

Within a few months the capital of \$25,000 was fully paid in and the bank began to enjoy quite a profitable business. It was six months, however, before it more than made expenses, though at the end of that time its deposits began to grow rapidly, and at the end of 1897 it was able to pay its shareholders a dividend of 5 per cent and to carry \$100,000 surplus account.

At the beginning of August, 1898, the bank's deposits amounted to more than \$250,000 and on the 11th of that month it increased its capital to \$50,000 and its surplus to \$50,000. And at present the total surplus of the bank is over \$100,000.

"Our directors were fully aware that our bank had not succeeded in this way because of any special merit of themselves, or of the bank's officers, but because the business conditions generally have improved. We have had bountiful crops and good prices, the retail trade is best of all, and the wholesale trade is very much better, all jobs reporting a volume of business far in excess of anything they have ever enjoyed in their history, real estate values are becoming very much more stable and fixed, new buildings are being erected for the first time in years and few are terribles, both wholesale and retail, are locating here. Other banks have also enjoyed a healthy increase in deposits and general business almost equal to our own, until now the total deposits of the respective banks in Wichita amount to nearly one and one-half millions of dollars. We felt that this condition clearly warranted the safe investment of more banking capital. So apparent had this fact become that outside parties were seriously contemplating the organization of a new bank here. We felt that the hold for this increased business properly belonged to us, and the other banks here, who had secured it by the old town in times of prosperity and in times of adversity. Fully realizing, however, that if we expected to continue to enjoy our share of the fruits of this growing trade we must also offer to the public increased banking facilities, we determined to pursue this course."

"Every share of stock of the Bank of Commerce voted in favor of the proposition and the full capital stock of \$100,000 was immediately subscribed, though for obvious reasons we have withheld about \$25,000 of it for the purpose of placing it in small blocks with strong business as we feel will exert the most influence for the bank. We do not care at present to say who our shareholders are, though I will say to you that they are largely the strongest men financially in the community, and that 75 per cent of the stock will be held right at home—being recognized by all bankers as most desirable."

"Is there any foundation in the rumor that C. S. Glead of Topeka will be a stockholder?"

"Yes, sir; it is true that C. S. Glead of Topeka attended our shareholders' meeting yesterday and will have stock in the new bank and will also probably serve upon the directors."

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